

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	DeSimone <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	5780
Appl No.:	10/589,222	Group Art Unit:	1796
Filed:	May 11, 2007	Examiner:	Hu, Henry S.
For:	FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS AND NOVEL METHODS FOR THE FABRICATION OF MICROFLUIDIC DEVICES		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2010, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-23, Group II, namely Claims 24-33, Group III, namely Claims 34-52, Group IV, namely Claims 53-119, Group V, namely Claims 120-127, Group VI, namely Claims 128-138, Group VII, namely Claims 139-145, Group VIII, namely Claims 146-162, Group IX, namely Claims 163-186, Group X, namely Claims 187-207, Group XI, namely Claims 208-223, and Group XII, namely Claims 224-238. Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-23) and expressly reserves the right to rejoiner, file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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Amdt. dated 04/12/2010
Reply to Restriction Requirement of March 12, 2010

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